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HINCKLEY is an old English name, and is found in Shakspeare, 2nd part of King Henry IV, Act 5th. The town of Hinckley on the Thames is known to all travellers, and there are several places in the United States named Hinckley or Hinkley. Some branches of the family dropped the c in the name.

JAMES WILLIAM HINKLEY, of Poughkeepsie, New York, spells his name without the c, although he has an unbroken line of direct descent from Governor Thomas Hinckley, third Governor of the Plymouth Colony.

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S AMUEL HINCKLEY, the ancestor of all of the surname in America, was of English birth, His last place of residence in England was at Tenterden, County of Kent, a short distance from Canterbury. In the spring of 1635, he left England with his wife Sarah and four children, Thomas, Susannah, Sarah and Mary. His first place of settlement upon his arrival in New England was at Scituate within the limits of Plymouth Colony. In 1639 he removed with all his family to Barnstable on Cape Cod, being one of the pioneer settlers of that town. His wife Sarah, the mother of all his children, died in Barnstable, August 18, 1656, age not known. Mr. Hinckley married a second wife, Mrs. Bodfish, widow of Robert Bodfish of Sandwich, a town adjoining Barnstable. Mr. Hinckley died in Barnstable, October 31, 1662, leaving a will which is on file at the probate office, Barnstable.

His children, the five first born, born in Eng-

land, the three following born in Scituate, the others born in Barnstable, were :

- Thomas* ², b married twice.
Susannah ² “ mar. Rev. John Smith.
Sarah ² “ mar. Elder Henry Cobb.
Mary ² “
John ² “ died in Tenterden, Eng.
Elizabeth ² bap. Sept. 6, 1635, at Scituate,
 mar. Elisha Parker.
Samuel ² buried at Barnstable March 22,
 1640-1, aged 3 years.
Daughter ² buried at Barnstable July 8, 1640.
Twins ² buried at Barnstable Feb. 6, 1640-1
 and March 19, 1640-1
Samuel ² b July 24, 1642, married twice.
John ² “ May 24, 1644, married twice.

THOMAS² HINCKLEY, son of Samuel and Sarah, born in England, died in Barnstable April 25, 1706, and was buried in the ancient burial ground there and has a memorial stone upon a brick foundation. He was the third Governor of the Plymouth Colony; was twice married: first in Weymouth, Mass., December 4, 1641, to Mary Richards, daughter of Thomas and Wealthean (Loring). She belonged to a noted family. Her brother, Hon. John Richards, was a magistrate and wealthy merchant of Boston. One of her sisters married a son of Gov. John Winthrop, the first Governor of the Bay Colony. Another sister was the wife of Major-General William Bradford, son of the second Governor of Plymouth. This first wife of Gov. Hinckley died Dec. 4th, 1659. She was the mother of eight children. His second wife was Mary Glover, widow of Nathaniel Glover of Dorchester, Mass., and daughter of Quartermaster John Smith. She died in Barnstable, July 29, 1703. She was the mother of nine Hinckley children. The Rev. Thomas Prince, minister of the Old South Church in Boston and

author of "Prince's Chronology," and Rev. Mayhew, also a Boston minister, were her grandsons. Gov. Hinckley's seventeen children were all born in Barnstable, where his house still stands, 1897, and is occupied by a descendant. It contains many most interesting relics of the early period, and is the oldest colonial house in existence owned by descendants of the original settlers.

Gov. Hinckley was prominent in the affairs of the town, colony, and confederated colonies of New England. His public life was almost co-equal with the existence of Plymouth colony, and it was mainly through his advocacy that the two colonies of The Massachusetts and Plymouth were united under one government. He was early town clerk of Barnstable, the first person in town authorized to solemnize marriages, many years a Deputy from Barnstable to the colony court at Plymouth, Dep. Gov. of the colony, one of the commissioners of the confederated colonies of New England, and for eleven years except during the interruption by Sir Edmund Andros, was Gov. of the colony. It was

during his incumbency that the Union of the two colonies was consummated. Professionally he was a lawyer. Personally he had an imperious will, a trait characteristic of his descendants?"

The year 1675 was one of the most critical periods in the history of New England. The war with King Philip was then raging. Governor Hinckley was a general officer in the army that was sent against King Philip at his home at Mount Hope in the town of Bristol, and was engaged in the celebrated "Swamp fight" so fatal to the Indians. During his absence at the front the colonial government placed a military guard over his house and home in Barnstable, as on account of his uncompromising disposition and favoring severe repressive measures, he had incurred the enmity of the cape Indians. It was under these trying circumstances that his youngest child Reliance was born. His death is thus noticed in the interesting and valuable work entitled "The History of Cape Cod," published by the Rev. Frederick Freeman in 1706: "April 25, died, suddenly, in Barnstable, Governor

Thomas Hinckley, at the advanced age of 87, a gentleman of distinguished reputation and of great energy of character, who, as we have seen, filled a large space in the history of the County of Barnstable, and especially in the affairs of the Plymouth Colony. In truth it may be said that it was his to fill a large space in the *world's* history. He had stood by the cradle of the colony in its infancy, and had been, from first to last, the associate, in weal or woe, of its great and good men, and had lived, himself the chief among the surviving, to see the last chapter written in its immortal annals."

CHILDREN :

by first wife.

Mary 3	b May 3, 1644.
Sarah 3	" Nov. 4, 1646, mar. Nathaniel Bacon.
Malatiah 3	" Nov. 25, 1648, mar. Josiah Crocker.
Hannah 3	" Apl 15, 1650, mar. Nathaniel Glover.
Samuel 3	" Feb. 14, 1652, mar. Sarah Pope.
Thomas 3	" Dec. 5, 1654.
Rathshua 3	" May 15, 1657, mar. Samuel Hall
Mehitable 3	" Mar. 24, 1659-60, married twice

CHILDREN :

by second wife :

Admire 3	“ Jan. 28, 1660-1. Died Feb. 16, 1660-1
Ebenezer 3	“ Feb. 22, 1661-2. Died Mar. 8, 1661-2
Mercy 3	“ Jan. 1, 1662-3, mar. Samuel Prince
Experience 3	“ Feb. 2, 1664-5, mar. James Whipple
John 3	“ June 9, 1667, mar. Thankful Trott
Abigail 3	“ Apl 8, 1669, mar. Rev. Joseph Lord
Thankful 3	“ Aug. 20, 1671, mar. Rev. Experience Mayhew.
Ebenezer 3	“ Sept. 23, 1673, mar. Mary Stone
Reliance 3	“ Dec. 15, 1675, mar. Rev. Nathaniel Stone.

SAMUEL HINCKLEY, son of Gov. Thomas Hinckley of Barnstable (by his first wife Mary Richards) Hinckley, born in Barnstable Feb. 14, 1652-3, died in Barnstable-Great-Marshes, March 19, 1697-8, aged 45 years.

Married in Sandwich, Nov. 13, 1676.

Sarah Pope of Sandwich, daughter of Thomas Pope by his second wife, Sarah (Jenney) Pope, born in Plymouth, Feb. 14, 1657.

CHILDREN.

Mercy + b July 22, 1678, mar. William Crosby.

Mehitable + " Dec. 28, 1679, died in Harwich, April 30, 1718, single.

Thomas + " Mar. 19, 1680-1, mar. Mercy.

Seth + " Apl 16, 1683, Samuel Hinckley of Harwich was appointed administrator of the estate of Seth Hinckley, late of Barnstable, "your deceased brother" April 15, 1711, estate divided to his brothers and sisters. He appears not to have married.

Samuel + b Sept. 24, 1684, mar. Mary Freeman.

Eluathan⁴ b Sept. 8, 1686, died young.
Job⁴ “ Feb. 16, 1687-8, mar. Sarah Tufts.
Shubael⁴ “ May 1, 1689, mar. Lydia Bangs.
Mary⁴ “ Jan. 11, 1692, mar. Samuel Bangs.
Josiah⁴ “ Jan. 24, 1694, mar. Lydia Paine.
Eluathan⁴ “ Dec. 29, 1697.

His father gave him the larger part of his “great lot,” the boundaries of which are not given, probably a part of the tract at Great Marshes known as the “timber lands” and here he built his house.

He left a will dated March 12, 1696-7, which was probated.

Witnesses to will— William Bassett, Shubael Smith, Thomas Smith. Appoints his wife executrix, and his brothers, Capt. Seth Pope and Josiah Crocker, overseers. Inventory April 2, 1698, by Job Crocker, Josiah Crocker, Daniel Parker. Amount personal estate £137.1.0.

The widow married second, Thomas Huckins of Barnstable, Aug. 1698. She survived her second husband and died in Harwich.

THOMAS⁴ HINCKLEY, son of Samuel, and Sarah (Pope) Hinckley, born in Barnstable-Great-Marshes, March 19, 1680-1, died in Harwich, Cape Cod, in Sept , 1710.

Married in Harwich

Mercy

Administration on his estate was granted to his widow October 11, 1710.

CHILDREN.

Joshua⁵ b Mar. 29, 1707, mar. Lydia Snow.

*Thomas*⁵ b Mar. 11, 1708-9.

THOMAS⁵ HINCKLEY, son of Thomas and Mercy () Hineckley of Harwich, Cape Cod, born in Harwich, March 11, 1708-9, died in Harwich in 1769.

He was married three times. Married first in Harwich, March 31, 1730.

Ruth Myrick, daughter of Nathaniel and Ruth [] Myrick of Harwich, born in Harwich died in Harwich.

Married second in Harwich, March 17, 1765

Lydia Nickerson of Chatham, Cape Cod, daughter of born in Chatham, died in Harwich.

Married, third, in Harwich, July 31, 1766.

Hannah Severance

The children, all of whom were by first wife, and all born in Harwich, were :

Seth⁶ , b Sept 2, 1730, mar. Sarah Berry.

Thomas⁶ “ July 22, 1731, mar. three times.

Nathaniel⁶ “ July 30, 1738, mar. Mercy Nickerson.

Mary⁶ “ 1741, mar. Nathan Crowell.

Ruth⁶ “ 1743.

Mercy⁶ “ 1745, mar. Job Dexter of Harwich, Mass.

Isaac⁶ “ July 12, 1747.

Elijah⁶ “

Priscilla⁶ “

NATHANIEL 6 HINCKLEY, son of Thomas and Ruth (Myrick) Hinckley, of Harwich, Cape Cod, born in Harwich, July 30, 1738.

Married in Harwich Jan. 21, 1761, by Rev. Stephen Emery
to Mercy Nickerson, of Chatham, daughter of
born in Chatham.

They lived successively in Harwich and Chatham, Cape Cod; in Westerly, Rhode Island; and in Bridport, and Rutland, Vermont.

CHILDREN :

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| Deborah Hinckley 7 | b | Jan. 30, 1762, in Harwich,
mar. John Ward. |
| Isaac Hinckley 7 | " | Sept 25, 1767, in Chatham,
mar. |
| <i>Nathaniel Hinckley</i> 7 | " | July 12, 1769, in Chatham,
mar. Rhoda Barber. |
| Mercy Hinckley 7 | " | April 21, 1771, in Chatham,
mar. ——— Goodspeed. |
| Thomas Hinckley 7 | " | July 15, 1773, in Westerly,
Rhode Island. |
| Rachel Hinckley 7 | " | Oct. 2, 1776, in Bridport,
Vt., mar. Jno. Reynolds. |
| Elijah Hinckley 7 | " | Jan. 18, 1783, in Rutland,
Vt. |

NATHANIEL ⁷ HINCKLEY, son of Nathaniel Hinckley and Mercy (Nickerson) Hinckley, his wife, born in Chatham, Cape Cod, July 12, 1769 ; died in Port Jackson, Clinton County, N. Y., May 22, 1849.

Married in Elizabethtown, N. Y., Dec. 29, 1791, Rhoda Barber.

Died in Willsboro, N. Y., August, 1859, aged 88 years:

CHILDREN.

Silas Hinckley ⁸	b	June 1, 1793, died March 22, 1807, at Westport.
Nathaniel Hinckley ⁸	"	Dec. 5, 1794, died in Canada, Sept. 8, 1831.
Levi Hinckley ⁸	"	April 4, 1797, died in Elizabethtown, N. Y., 1863.
Rhoda Hinckley ⁸	"	Oct. 13, 1799, died at West Stockholm, St. Lawrence County, N. Y.
Polly Hinckley ⁸	"	Dec. 6, 1802, died Sept. 8, 1831.
Harvey Hinckley ⁸	"	November 6, 1804, died at Willsboro, N. Y., June 17, 1875.
<i>Silas Hinckley</i> ⁸	"	Dec. 6, 1811, mar. Mary A. O'Grady.

SILAS ⁸ HINKLEY, (he dropped the *c* in his name, having been an earnest advocate of phonetic spelling) son of Nathaniel and Rhoda (Barber) Hinckley, born at Westport, Essex County, N. Y., Dec. 6, 1811; died at Burlington, Vt., Dec. 15, 1859.

In early life Capt. Silas Hinkley was engaged in shipping, transportation and freighting. He owned warehouses, docks, general store and principal business of all kinds at Port Jackson, N. Y. It was before the days of railroads, and he became the owner of several steamboats, stage lines, barges, schooners and other sailing vessels, and often commanded them in person. He was the owner of the famous Valcour Island, where he had a farm of one thousand acres, with a great many blooded horses and cattle thereon.

He was a man of immense stature, and remarkably handsome, very successful in business, and one of the most popular men of his day. His funeral was one of the largest ever held in Northern New York and Vermont. Steamboats made special

trips and brought friends from all the ports on Lake Champlain.

Married at St. Albans, Vt., August 18, 1849, Mary A. O'Grady, daughter of John and Margaret O'Grady, of Shelbourne, Chittenden County, Vt., where she was born Feb. 14, 1831; she died in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., March 18, 1896.

Their home at first was at Port Jackson, N. Y., removing thence to Burlington, Vt.

Their children, the two eldest born at Port Jackson, the others at Burlington, were :

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| <i>James William</i> 9 | b | May 31, 1850, mar. Mary Margaret O'Grady. |
| John 9 | " | Nov. 15, 1851, died in Poughkeepsie, May 1, 1893. He was never married. |
| Minnie 9 | " | August 12, 1854, died in Burlington, Vt., Feb. 10, 1859. |
| Lamira Jane 9 | " | Feb. 20, 1857, married in Malone, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1881, Chester Wead, of Malone, N. Y. She died Nov. 20, 1881, in Bloomingdale, N. Y., leaving no issue. |
| Silas Bernard 9 | " | Nov. 6, 1858, died Jan. 24, 1859, at Burlington, Vt. |

Historians and biographers in speaking of the third Governor of the Plymouth Colony, all say, "Governor Hinckley had an *imperious will*, a trait characteristic of his descendants." That his descendant, JAMES WILLIAM HINKLEY, has an *indomitable will* is shown by the succession of instances in which he has forged ahead to the first place in every business or association, mercantile, professional or political, in which he has been interested. He early became the editor and proprietor of the Poughkeepsie News-Press and Telegraph, one of the oldest papers in the state of New York; was the editor and proprietor, when but 30 years of age, of the New York Daily Graphic, the first daily illustrated newspaper in the world; was president of the street railway system in Poughkeepsie, built and operated the first electric railway there, and has become the President and chief owner of the consolidated lines; was chairman of the Executive Committee and finally President of the U. S. Casualty Company, in which are interested some of the most prominent men in New York;

is president of the Walker Company, employing 2,000 men, and selling its machines and apparatus all over the known world, rivalling and finally surpassing all of the other electrical companies in the manufacture of very large electrical machinery; was appointed by the Supreme Court Commissioner for the city of New York, and as such appraised millions of dollars worth of property in connection with the building of the great aqueduct, the property owners or the city never disagreed or appealed from his decisions or awards; was also appointed by the courts receiver for one of the great firms of aqueduct contractors. He settled their affairs in a remarkably short space of time, receiving therefor the commendations of the creditors, the firm and the courts. He has been engaged in many other enterprises, invariably occupying the position of chairman of the executive committee or President; is a democrat and has been successively chairman of the city, county and state committees, succeeding ex-Secretary of the United States Treasury, Hon. Daniel Manning and

Governor Samuel J. Tilden, as Chairman of the State Committee. In business he has been associated with the most prominent men in the United States and Canada, notably Governors Hill, Flower and Morton, the Belmonts, ex-cabinet officers, Fairchild, Whitney, Tracy and Lamont, ex-Mayors Grace, Strong and Grant, Sir Francis Hincks and Hugh McKay and others of Canada.

The inheritance from his father of great physical strength and rugged health has sustained him through his extremely active, intense life, and at 47 years of age in 1897, he is in the prime of life, with every blessing and sufficient means to enjoy them. From his mother he inherits artistic taste, appreciation of the beautiful in nature and art, and love for dumb animals. He is extremely generous and benevolent, indeed, that is his leading characteristic.

JAMES WILLIAM HINKLEY, son of Silas and Mary A. (O'Grady) Hinkley, of Port Jackson, N. Y., and Burlington, Vt., born at Port Jackson, Essex County, N. Y., May 31, 1850.

Married Nov. 9, 1871, Mary Margaret O'Grady, born at Shelbourne, Vt., April 28, 1852.

Residence since marriage, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

CHILDREN.

Silas ¹⁰	b	August 14, 1872.
James William, Jr. ¹⁰	"	Sept. 8, 1873, graduated at West Point, class of 1896, and is Lieut. in the 5th United States Artillery, stationed at Fort Hamilton, N. Y. Harbor, 1898.
Mary ¹⁰	"	Aug. 5, 1875.
Jane Letitia ¹⁰	"	Sept. 13, 1877.
Anne ¹⁰	"	Jan. 19, 1880.
John Luther ¹⁰	"	Nov. 1, 1882.
Josephine van Ingen ¹⁰	"	Dec. 1, 1884.
Edward Graphic ¹⁰	"	April 8, 1887.
Rhoda ¹⁰	"	Aug 23, 1890.
Barbara ¹⁰	"	Jan 22, 1893.
Priscilla ¹⁰	"	Dec. 4, 1897.

These children are the only grandchildren ever born to Silas and Mary A. Hinkley, and all, including the parents, were living at Poughkeepsie in 1898, except the son James William, Jr., stationed as noted above.

